

Jon exemplified the important traits of a firefighter both on the job and off the job. Jon was known by friends as always being willing to lend a helping hand and for his infectious smile that would light up a whole room. As a man of faith dedicated to a life of service, Jon's greatest love was always his family.

Jon is survived by his loving wife Jenny and sons Brody and Jack Flagler; his nephews Matix, Corey, Van, and his niece Mikiela, and his in-laws Dwight, Cindy, and Tracy. May his kindness and dedication to selflessness continue to live on in those he touched with his compassionate and welcoming spirit.

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HONORING THE HEROIC LIFE AND  
SERVICE OF RICHARD C.  
WOODCOCK, SR.

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**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 15, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic life of Army veteran

and Saratoga Springs native, Richard C. Woodcock, Sr.

Richard Woodcock was born on August 7, 1937 in Saratoga Springs, New York. After graduating from Saratoga Spring High School in 1958, Richard joined the U.S. Army and was subsequently honorably discharged.

After his time in the military, Richard dedicated his life to serving the town and residents of Saratoga Springs. With the help of his father, Richard built Eastside Garage at 46 East Avenue in Saratoga Springs, which he owned and operated for fifty-five years. At Eastside Garage, Richard owned several tow trucks and was always willing to help his community whenever his services were needed, regardless of the time or day. He was the official tow truck driver of Saratoga Springs and a top provider for the American Automobile Association.

After selling Eastside Garage, Richard opened a contract hauling business, RCW Transport. They delivered sanders and salt spreaders for Tarrant Manufacturing out of Saratoga Springs. Richard also transported materials to the new Tappan Zee Bridge Project for Fort Miller out of Greenwich, New

York. During his retirement, Richard remained an active participant in his community. He was a member of the Hudson Mohawk Chapter of the American Truck Historical, where he organized performances, worked the front gate, and helped with ticket distribution. Richard also volunteered at the front desk of Matt's Service Center, which was owned by his business rival and lifelong friend Matt Ernst.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary life of Richard Woodcock. It is my hope that his active spirit and community service will be carried on by those who knew and loved him. Richard will be buried with military honors in the Saratoga National Cemetery.